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Pinon Chapter Relief Efforts Exemplifies Community Driven Emergency Response

Window Rock, Az – January 24, 2010 – Rescue efforts on the Navajo Nation received a report from Pinon Unified School District Superintendent Larry Wallen who is also an Authorized Local Emergency Response Team (ALERT) member. He reported that Pinon Community is snowed in but efforts to assist the community is progressing successfully. The chapter stayed opened and distribution of hay and food was accomplished using a Deuce and a Half Truck to reach people who can't get out. The community is receiving assistance from the National Guard to make more deliveries.

The Pinon Unified School District has cancelled school all week. Paved roads are clear but dirt roads are impassable.

Pinon Chapter Community members needing help have been identified and medical patients including those who require dialysis have been accessed. Wallen commends the Community Health Representatives for an outstanding job. The Navajo Police Department is also assisting with relief efforts in the Pinon community.

Pinon Chapter also took care of people needing medical attention in the Forest Lake Chapter community.

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